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AMEMBASSY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE

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NAIROBI FOR EZELLE AND S/S (SCHLAMM)

E.O.: 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (SECRETARY), UNCTAD, TS

SUBJ: SECRETARY'S LUNCHEON MAY 4 AT UNCTAD IV

REF : TUNIS 2948, STATE 101567

1. MINISTER NATIONAL ECONOMY LASRAM INFORMED EMBASSY FOLLOWING CABINET MEETING YESTERDAY THAT HE WILL NOT RPT NOT BE ATTENDING EARLY STAGES OF UNCTAD IV MEETING NAIROBI SINCE GOT HAS JUST BEEN INFORMED THAT TUNISIAN PRESENTATION TO CONFERENCE NOT SCHEDULED UNTIL MAY 17 WITH GOOD POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER POSTPONEMENT. LASRAM EXPRESSED REGRET THAT HE WILL NOT BE ABLE AQCEPT SECRETARY'S LUNCHEON INVITATION BUT SAID HE CANNOT ABSENT HIMSELF FROM TUNISIA FOR SUCH LONG PERIOD OF TIME. HE NOTED THAT WHILE GOT HAD HOPED THAT OTHER MINISTER KNOWLEDGEABLE ON UNCTAD MATTERS WOULD BE ABLE HEAD DELEGATION IN EARLY STAGES, IN VIEW CONFLICTING DEMANDS, LIKELY THAT DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY HAMED AMMAR, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WIT RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

2. WHEN EMBASSY, IN ACCORDANCE PARA 1 STATE REFTL, EXTENDED INVITATION TO AMMAR TO ATTEND SECRETARY'S LUNCHEON, HIS DEPUTY STATED THAT AMMAR ALSO UNABLE ATTEND SINCE HE COM-
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MITTED TO JOINING COMMISSION MEETINGS IN HUNGARY AND CZECHO-

SLOVAKIA FIRST WEEK OF MAY. AMMAR'S DEPUTY BELIEVED THAT SENIOR TUNISIAN REP IN NAIROBI ON MAY 4 WILL BE SALA BOURGINI, NEWLY APPOINTED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FOR MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS.

3. BOURGINI AWARE OF LUNCHEON BUT, IN VIEW OF LAST MINUTE CHANGE AND POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER CHANGES, WE SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY NAIROBI COORDINATE WITH HIM ON HIS ARRIVAL ABOUT MAY 3 OR WITH TUNISIAN ADVANCE MAN, MOHAMED SLAH LEJRE (FROM TUNISIAN MISSION GENEVA), WHO EXPECTED NAIROBI APRIL 30 OR MAY 1. GOT PROMISED PROVIDE LATER TODAY FULL LIST OF TUNISIAN DELEGATION WHICH STILL BEING FORMED.
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